May 25, 1954

The Board of Directors of the Urban League Essex County met on the above date with Dr. Pfaus in the chair and the following members present: Mrs Bettman, Mr Jackson, Dr. Lett, Dr Levy, Mrs Malone, Dr Parks, Dr McCarroll, Dr. Rice, Mr Robinson, Mr Tate, Mrs Jamifer.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and accepted.

Mr. Jensen had sent in his resignation. Motion was made and seconded that it be ~~accepted~~ accepted with regret. A letter will be sent to Mr Jensen to this effect, and including a statement of the Board's appreciation for his offer of continued interest in the work.

The League has ~~had~~ been approached concerning the purchase of our adjoining lot for $5000 - the building to be erected thereon to house a luncheonette. During the discussion it was brought out that before coming to any decision three things should be considered 1) the expansion of the League work which might mean additional building; 2) the vacant lot as merely decorative 3) the lot as a place on which no detracting establishment or what have you could be put.

Motion by Mrs. Malone, seconded by Dr. McCarroll and carried that the matter be referred to the Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Harrison reported $740.40 balance in Treasury at end of April.

The number of working committees necessary to carry on effective work was discussed and question arose as to whether three would be sufficient.

It was ~~finally decided~~ thought best to postpone committee appointments until after the Executive Director has arrived.

During the discussion it was noted that foundations are not giving anything to Industrial Relations Committees, but seem to want to sponsor ~~Human~~ Relations projects.

Motion was made by Dr Levy, seconded by Dr. Parks and carried that committees be appointed in consultation with new Director.

Nelson Jackson is scheduled to start a Survey of League activities the second week in June.

The following Board members will meet Mr. Jackson with one or two persons from the Welfare ~~federation to discuss the budget again~~: Mrs Malone ~~Mr. Lett~~, Mr. Marvin Robinson, Mr. Pfaus.

In her report Mrs. Harrison stated that she had been the recipient of many requests for housing, but had been able to fill only a few.

Question arose as to whether, pending certain legislation, the Housing Authority was in jeopardy.

After brief discussion motion was made by Dr Levy, seconded by Dr. McCarroll and carried that a list of persons be made up and submit to the Mayor for his consideration whenever a vacancy occurs in the local Authority. ~~Their~~ Suggested names may be sent to Mr. Pfaus by any Board member.

A Wednesday in October has been suggested for the Annual meeting. Thurgood Marshall was suggested ~~[illegible]~~ as a possible speaker.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted